

**Testimony Concerning Raised Bill 5446**  
**Jay Nyczak**

I would like to thank the Environment Committee for the opportunity to express my support of Raised Bill, 5446, AN ACT CONCERNING THE PAYMENT PROCEDURE FOR THE STERILIZATION AND VACCINATION OF CERTAIN DOGS AND CATS AND PROVIDING FOR ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER TRAINING.

I am a registered voter in Plainville. My wife and I are members of several animal organizations. We foster dogs rescued by American Lab Rescue and LabsForRescue. Our involvement in animal rescue efforts makes us realize how critical spaying and neutering is in providing humane environment for our animal friends. In addition to obvious reduction in the suffering of homeless animals, sterilization reduces long term costs of animal control efforts. Further, it makes the adoption process less desperate and therefore more selective and careful. A better reputation of animals offered by rescue organizations helps to shift the adoptions away from the commercial pet trade notorious for neglecting the inhumane practices of the industry supplying them with mass bred animals.

Any effort to end these practices brings us closer to the compassionate and civilized society that you and I would like to live in. This is often overlooked in the daily budget struggles faced by the state and local governments but is as important as any effort that makes us better people and citizens.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to testify and I do hope you will strongly support this important piece of legislation.

Thank you,

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